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March 8, 2013

Mr. Donald R. Schwer III
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

RE: Town of Griffith, Indiana – Order for Compliance
Docket No. V-W-12-AO-08
Alternatives Analysis Revision Extension – Monthly Report #2

Dear Mr. Schwer,

As requested in your letter dated January 30, 2013, this letter will update you on the progress made in the last month with the Hammond Sanitary District (HSD) and the Town of Highland on a regional approach to resolving sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) issues.

Correspondence/Meetings

On behalf of the Town of Griffith (Town), Lawson-Fisher Associates (LFA) has made several contacts this past month with the consultant for the HSD, AB&H/Donohue (AB&H) and the Town of Highland. The email messages, phone conversations and meetings have discussed the following issues:

- A. **Feasibility of a Joint Regional Approach** – the Town of Griffith attended a meeting at the Hammond Sanitary District on Thursday, March 7, 2013 to discuss how the Town could work with the HSD on a joint project to resolve SSO/CSO issues. AB&H presented information on the infrastructure work that would be necessary for the Town to be able to increase pumping capacity from 5.5 million gallons per day (MGD) to up to 12.0 MGD. The work involved would include a larger diameter sewer to the Kennedy Pump Station, a larger storage basin, and pumping improvements. If the Town were allowed to pump 12.0 MGD to HSD, additional storage in Griffith would probably not be necessary, however the Town would need to increase the size of their force main and install new pumping equipment at the Cline Avenue Pump Station. AB&H also provided preliminary cost information for the proposed work. The Town will summarize the costs in their revised Alternatives Analysis submittal in April, 2013.

- B. **Feasibility of a Joint Project with Highland** – the Town of Griffith and Town of Highland have held further discussions on a joint storage project at the site of Griffith's existing pump station and equalization basin. We are currently in the process of sorting out the pros and cons of all options.
- C. **Schedule** – The proposed schedule for resolving SSO issues in a joint project with the HSD was discussed at the March 7 meeting. The HSD reiterated that there is some flexibility in their schedule of improvements to move up those activities that would help the Town of Griffith resolve their SSO issues, however they also indicated that the CSO storage basin would be the priority for the first three years of their Long Term Control Plan.

The anticipated actions to occur within the next month include the review of all alternatives available to the Town and the costs associated with each alternative. We will then prepare a revised Alternatives Analysis to submit to EPA by April 10, 2013.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

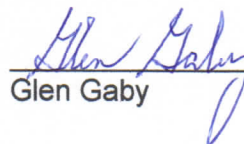
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Town Council President

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C: Robert Schwerd
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